

6 June 1986

MAU - 6007

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
Subject : Monthly Report - Austria Bureau - May 1986

I. GENERAL

1. ADD's [] led a four-man team which visited the bureau in early May to install the initial phase of a bureau pilot project which may serve as a model for automating FBIS bureaus worldwide. This phase of the system, which connects 11 IBM PC's through a Local Area Network, enables the translations emanating from four monitoring positions to be filed without rekeying by the communications operators. Additionally, most all the remaining outgoing material is now being punched on two IBMs which have been programmed to serve as teletype positions and are tied into a communications computer which queues the items and transmits them automatically. The editorial, technical, and administrative sections each have a computer which is tied into the network also. So far the experiment has been highly successful. Headquarters will be evaluating the results of this phase and deciding on the possibility of implementing a second phase which might place more positions on-line and provide for the processing of incoming English language press agencies by computer.

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2. A Ku-band satellite antenna has been installed on the third floor roof of the bureau. A very preliminary check by engineer [] sighted three satellites with good reception. A full cruising effort will have to await the completion of some local paperwork and the arrival of a staff cruiser from MOD. This dish provides the first opportunity to observe what programming is available on Ku-band satellites, as all other FBIS dish antennas cover the C-band.

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3. The Director, FBIS and the Chief, Operations Group visited Vienna 31 May-2 June and received demonstrations of the bureau's new Local Area Network and Ku-band antenna. They met with Ambassador Lauder at the embassy and again at a bureau reception which was also attended by DCM Felix Bloch and other officials from the embassy and the MBFR talks.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. While installation of the VLAN slowed bureau operations somewhat as monitors, communicators, and editors engaged themselves in learning to operate the system, publishable wordage output nonetheless again topped the 800,000 word figure. Thanks to London Bureau, which again accepted AU copy for punching there, publishable wordage totaled an estimated 844,140 of which 657,140 words were punched here.

2. With the technical help of USIS Belgrade, AU's Belgrade contractor was able to find a solution to the reception problems which made recordings of Belgrade TV materials virtually unviewable. As reported separately to MOD, picture quality is again good, and the bureau has resumed normal processing of Belgrade TV materials received from the contractor.

B. Communications

1. As noted elsewhere, one of the major elements of Phase 1 of the VLAN project was the automation of the bureau's outgoing communications operation. Expectations (hopes?) that communications operators would quickly adjust to the new operating environment were more than met as all members of the unit gave an enthusiastic welcome to the new system. While the unit's production was cut, as anticipated, during the VLAN installation and training phases, production returned to previous levels relatively quickly as the operators gained confidence in using the soft- and hardware. And while it is still too early for conclusive statistics, it is anticipated that the bureau's "punching" capacity will show tremendous gains in the very near future.

2. Outages of the bureau's state circuit, used solely for incoming traffic since March, and the sheer volume of materials to be delivered here -- most of it linked to the Chernobyl nuclear disaster -- caused severe delays in message receipts here and backlogs in the bureau queue at [] the bureau kept its state circuit open during normal closing hours to receive traffic and thus reduce message receipt times and the size of the queue of materials awaiting delivery here. The bureau's senior technician rigged several extel printers to timers so that we would be assured of having enough paper to receive continuously in the unattended mode. The system worked quite well and eliminated the need to pay overtime to keep the circuit open and the commo unit manned overnight.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnel

[redacted], one of the bureau's first monitors and head of the German/Czech Section, retired after 36 years of service. He was presented with a Career medal at a bureau ceremony in recognition of the vital role he played in the bureau's development and operations over the years..

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IV. VISITS

To the bureau:

1. [redacted] from ADD visited the bureau 4-17 May with a team of three contractors to install the VLAN and provide training.

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2. [redacted] head of Production Group's new Science Center, visited the bureau 20 May.

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3. [redacted] London Bureau editor, visited the bureau 23 May.

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4. Director [redacted] and Chief Ops [redacted] visited the bureau 31 May-2 June.

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Chief, Austrian Bureau

cc: Chief, FBIS London Bureau

Attachments:

Production Report

Staff Personnel Report

Non-Staff Personnel Report

Austrian Bureau Production Report for May 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	657140
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	22160
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1040

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	12275.00 min.	15015.00 min.	322.91 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

ALBANIA			
TIRANA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
Albanian	930		
TIRANA ATA IN			
ENGLISH		20750	
TIRANA BASHKIMI IN			
ALBANIAN			120
TIRANA DRITA IN			
ALBANIAN			0
TIRANA PUNA IN			
ALBANIAN			0
TIRANA RRUGA E PARTISE IN			
ALBANIAN			0
TIRANA ZERI I POPULLIT IN			
ALBANIAN			2070
TIRANA ZERI I RINISE IN			
ALBANIAN			0

AUSTRIA			
VIENNA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
GERMAN	6690		
VIENNA ORF TELETEXT IN			
GERMAN	3990		
VIENNA TELEVISION SERVICE IN			
GERMAN	9120		
VIENNA ARBEITER ZEITUNG IN			
GERMAN			880
VIENNA BASTA IN			
GERMAN			0
VIENNA DIE PRESSE IN			
GERMAN			5940
VIENNA DER FALTER IN			
GERMAN			1780
VIENNA KURIER IN			
GERMAN			620

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
VIENNA NEUE KRONEN ZEITUNG IN GERMAN			1770
VIENNA PROFIL IN GERMAN			0
VIENNA VOLKSSTIMME IN GERMAN			1180
VIENNA WIENER ZEITUNG IN GERMAN			2890
BULGARIA			
SOFIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN BULGARIAN	13550		
SOFIA BTA IN ENGLISH		27120	
SOFIA ANTENI IN BULGARIAN			0
SOFIA NARODNA ARMIYA IN BULGARIAN			170
SOFIA NARODNA MLADZHZH IN BULGARIAN			0
SOFIA NOVO VREME IN BULGARIAN			0
SOFIA OTECHSTVEN FRONT IN BULGARIAN			2950
SOFIA POGLED IN BULGARIAN			100
SOFIA RABOTNICHESKO DELO IN BULGARIAN			19950
SOFIA TRUD IN BULGARIAN			560
SOFIA ZEMEDEL'SKO ZNAME IN BULGARIAN			1390
CHINA			
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ALBANIAN	0		
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN SERBO-CROATIAN	0		
CZECHOSLOVAKIA			
PRAGUE TELEVISION SERVICE IN CZECH AND SLOVAK	1140		
PRAGUE LIDOVA DEMOKRACIE IN CZECH			0
PRAGUE MLADA FRONTA IN CZECH			0
PRAGUE NOVA MYSL IN CZECH			430

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
PRAGUE PRACE IN CZECH			0
PRAGUE RUDE PRAVO IN CZECH			28970
PRAGUE TRIBUNA IN CZECH			0
PRAGUE VECERNI PRAHA IN CZECH			250
PRAGUE ZEMEDELSE NOVINY IN CZECH			200
BRATISLAVA PRAVDA IN SLOVAK			12240
BRATISLAVA ROLNICKE NOVINY IN SLOVAK			0
BRATISLAVA SMENA IN SLOVAK			350
BRATISLAVA VECERNIK IN SLOVAK			0
FRANCE PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH		64190	
GDR			
EAST BERLIN BERLINER ZEITUNG IN GERMAN			0
EAST BERLIN DER MORGEN IN GERMAN			0
EAST BERLIN EINHEIT IN GERMAN			0
EAST BERLIN HORIZONT IN GERMAN			0
EAST BERLIN NATIONAL ZEITUNG IN GERMAN			0
EAST BERLIN NEUE ZEIT IN GERMAN			0
EAST BERLIN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND IN GERMAN			106820
HUNGARY			
BUDAPEST TELEVISION SERVICE IN HUNGARIAN	0		
BUDAPEST MAGYAR HIRLAP IN HUNGARIAN			1110
BUDAPEST MAGYAR NEMZET IN HUNGARIAN			750
BUDAPEST MAGYARORSZAG IN HUNGARIAN			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
BUDAPEST NEPSZABADSAG IN HUNGARIAN			12180
BUDAPEST NEPSZAVA IN HUNGARIAN			0
BUDAPEST PARTELET IN HUNGARIAN			0
BUDAPEST TARSADALMI SZEMLE IN HUNGARIAN			0
ITALY			
ROME ANSA IN ENGLISH		15160	
POLAND			
KRAKOW TYGODNIK POWSZECHNE IN POLISH			800
WARSAW KULTURA IN POLISH			1560
WARSAW NOWE DROGI IN POLISH			2960
WARSAW POLITYKA IN POLISH			1020
WARSAW RZECZPOSPOLITA IN POLISH			7410
WARSAW RZECZYWISTOC IN POLISH			2660
WARSAW SLOWO POWSZECHNE IN POLISH			820
WARSAW SZTANDAR MLODYCH IN POLISH			420
WARSAW TRYBUNA LUDU IN POLISH			33690
WARSAW ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI IN POLISH			110
WARSAW ZYCIE PARTII IN POLISH			1650
WARSAW ZYCIE WARSZAWY IN POLISH			4740
ROMANIA			
BUCHAREST DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ROMANIAN	18390		
BUCHAREST AGERPRES IN ENGLISH		33180	
BUCHAREST AGERPRES IN FRENCH		0	
BUCHAREST ERA SOCIALISTA IN ROMANIAN			0
BUCHAREST LUMEA IN ROMANIAN			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
BUCHAREST ROMANIA LIBERA IN ROMANIAN			0
BUCHAREST SCINTEIA IN ROMANIAN			42680
USSR			
MOSCOW IN			
ALBANIAN TO ALBANIA	170		
MOSCOW IN			
BULGARIAN TO BULGARIA	0		
MOSCOW IN			
MACEDONIAN TO YUGOSLAVIA	0		
MOSCOW IN			
ROMANIAN TO ROMANIA	0		
MOSCOW IN			
SLOVENE TO YUGOSLAVIA	0		
MOSCOW ISTORIYA SSSR IN RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW KOMMUNIST IN RUSSIAN			3830
MOSCOW KOMMUNIST VOORUZHENNYKH SIL IN RUSSIAN			4550
MOSCOW MEZHDUNARODNAYA ZHIZN IN RUSSIAN			18960
MOSCOW MIROVAYA EKONOMIKA I MEZHDUNARODNYYE OTNOSHENIYA IN RUSSIAN			10380
MOSCOW MOSKOVSKAYA PRAVDA IN RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW OBNCHESTVENNYYE NAUKI IN RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW PARTIYNAYA ZHIZN IN RUSSIAN			5820
MOSCOW PLANOVY KHOZYAYSTVO IN RUSSIAN			13450
MOSCOW POLITICHESKOYE SAMOOBRAZOVANIYE IN RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW PROBLEMY DALNEGO VOSTOKA IN RUSSIAN			10460
MOSCOW PROBLEMY MIRA I SOTSIALIZMA IN RUSSIAN			4000
MOSCOW RABOCHIY KLAS I SOVREMENNY MIR IN RUSSIAN			9010
MOSCOW SOTSIOLOGICHESKIYE ISSLEDOVANIYA IN RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW SSHA: EKONOMIKA, POLITIKA, IDEOLOGIYA IN RUSSIAN			0

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MOSCOW VOPROSY EKONOMIKI IN RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW VOPROSY FILOSOFII IN RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW VOPROSY ISTORII IN RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW VOPROSY ISTORII KPSS IN RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW VOYENNO-ISTORICHESKIY ZHURNAL IN RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW ZHURNALIST IN RUSSIAN			0
KIEV PRAVDA UKRAINY IN RUSSIAN			10250
KIEV RADYANSKA UKRAINA IN UKRAINIAN			2210
YUGOSLAVIA			
BELGRADE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SERBO-CROATIAN	13200		
PRISTINA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ALBANIAN	390		
PRISTINA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SERBO-CROATIAN	0		
BELGRADE TELEVISION SERVICE IN SERBO-CROATIAN	170		
BELGRADE TANJUG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SERBO-CROATIAN		120	
BELGRADE TANJUG IN ENGLISH		0	
BELGRADE BORBA IN SERBO-CROATIAN			20130
BELGRADE KOMUNIST IN SERBO-CROATIAN			0
BELGRADE NARODNA ARMIJA IN SERBO-CROATIAN			790
BELGRADE NIN IN SERBO-CROATIAN			0
BELGRADE POLITIKA IN SERBO-CROATIAN			6960
BELGRADE SOCIALIZMA IN SERBO-CROATIAN			0
LJUBLJANA DELO IN SLOVENE			850
NOVI SAD DNEVNIK IN SERBO-CROATIAN			0
PRISTINA RILINDJA IN ALBANIAN			1040

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
SARAJEVO OSLOBODJENJE IN SERBO-CROATIAN			0
SKOPJE NOVA MAKEDONIJA IN MACEDONIAN			0
TITOGRAD POBJEDA IN SERBO-CROATIAN			0
ZAGREB DANAS IN SERBO-CROATIAN			0
ZAGREB VJESNIK IN SERBO-CROATIAN			0